

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

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CASE NO. 8:03-cr-77-T-30MSS DATE May 1, 2003
TITLE USA vs. Sami Al-Arian, et al.
TIME 8:55 - 9:20 a.m. TOTAL .5

Honorable James S. Moody, Jr. Deputy Clerk: Sara Boswell

Court Reporter: Donna Pike (Montana)

Attorney(s) for Govt:	Attorney(s) for Defendant(s):	Defendant(s):
Terry Zitek	Jeffrey Brown/Frank Louderback	Sami Al-Arian
Walter Furr	Daniel Hernandez	Sameeh Hammoudeh
Cherie Krigsman	Bruce Howie	Ghassan Zayed Bullut
	Donald Horrox	Hatim Naji Fariz

STATUS CONFERENCE

Government is following the discovery scheduled determined by Mag. Judge McCoun. Index is being prepared. The majority of the Government's case involves wire intercepts. Government does not want severance. Trial is anticipated to take six months to try.

Fugitive Defendant Bashir Musa Mohammed Nafi has been located in England. An extradition package is being prepared. Other fugitive defendants will not likely be apprehended by trial.

Defendant Al-Arian has not waived speedy trial and has expressed an interest to represent himself and may file the motion in the near future. Court states that he may file the motion but cautions counsel that the motion will not likely be granted closer to trial. Court offers to begin the trial in June.

Defense counsel for Defendants Hammoudeh, Fariz, and Bullut anticipate trial to be more than a year away. Donald Horrox requests that the trial not begin in June to allow for an adequate defense to be made based on the complexity of the case. Mr. Horrox, on behalf of Defendant Fariz, orally motions for an enlargement of time of 120 days to file motions regarding first impression attacking the constitutionality of charges. Bruce Howie, counsel for Deft. Bullut joins in on the motion. Court orally grants the motion to the extent that the deadline becomes the same motion deadline for Deft. Al-Arian.

Donald Horrox states that the Public Defender's Office is working on interpreter coordination. Interim CJA payments will likely be granted and will be on a monthly basis.

Government states that some of the discovery has been deemed classified and that the defense attorneys may need to apply for clearances. Government is attempting to de-classify the material. Clearances could take two months to obtain. Court encourages counsel to begin their applications.

Court will re-status this case on Thursday, June 5th at 9:30 a.m. A written scheduling notice will be issued.

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